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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

The application has been amended as follows: IN THE SPECIFICATION:

#### **ABSTRACT**

A method of covering a nipple on a human breast, the nipple cover having a center and including a flexible material for conforming to a human breast, the method including the method steps of placing the nipple cover directly on a human breast so as to cover at least about one half and less than all of the breast, with the center of the cover proximate the nipple; the nipple cover having a first thickness proximate the center and a second thickness proximate a periphery thereof, the thickness of the nipple cover gradually tapering from the first thickness to the second thickness, wherein the method further includes the step of being the nipple cover on the breast such that the periphery of the cover blends smoothly with a curved portion of the breast while concealing a nipple shape. – has been inserted.

#### ***Conclusion***

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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